

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article XI, of the  
Constitution of Tennessee, relative to initiative.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, A  
majority of all members of each house concurring as shown by yeas and nays entered on their  
journals, that it is proposed to amend Article XI of the Constitution of Tennessee by adding the  
following appropriately numbered section:

Section \_\_\_\_.(a) Notwithstanding the legislative authority reserved for the general  
assembly, the people reserve the initiative power, which is the power to propose laws  
and enact or reject them at an election independent of the general assembly. An  
initiative law may be proposed only by a petition signed by a number of qualified voters  
equal to ten percent (10%) or more of the total number of votes cast for all candidates  
for governor at the election next preceding the filing of the petition, with at least twenty  
percent (20%) of such total deriving from each of the three (3) grand divisions of the  
state separately.

An initiative petition shall include the full text of the proposed law. A proposed  
law shall embrace one (1) subject only. No more than one (1) proposed law embracing  
the same subject may be considered at any election.

An initiative petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not less than four (4)  
months before the election at which the proposed law is to be voted upon.

If the initiative petition is filed at least four (4) months before the election at which it is to be voted on, the secretary of state shall submit the same to the vote of the people at the next statewide regular election.

(b) This section shall not be construed to deprive any member of the general assembly of the right to introduce any measure.

(c) This section is self-executing but legislation may be enacted to facilitate its operation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the foregoing amendment be referred to the One Hundredth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published by the secretary of state six (6) months prior to the November, 1996 general election in at least one (1) daily newspaper of general circulation in each of the cities of Memphis, Jackson, Nashville, Chattanooga and Knoxville, and the Tri-Cities area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the secretary of state.